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SUBJECT: ITALIAN INTEREST IN ERW

1. MARCH 31 MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND
FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT EVOKED WIDESPREAD COVERAGE IN WEEKEND
ITALIAN PRESS. NEWSPAPERS ACROSS POLITICAL SPECTRUM REPORTED
(DESPITE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS TO THE CONTRARY) THAT MAIN SUBJECT
DISCUSSED WAS ERW PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT. ANNOUNCEMENT OF
GENSCHER VISIT TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEK WAS CITED AS EVIDENCE
THAT US-FRG DISAGREEMENTS ON ISSUE REMAIN. SEVERAL ARTICLES
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LINKED WEST GERMAN ACCEPTANCE OF ERW TO QUESTION OF PROVISION
OF URANIUM TO EC COUNTRIES AFTER APRIL 10. CONSERVATIVE
DAILY IL TEMPO SUGGESTED SCHMIDT WOULD AGREE TO ERW
DEPLOYMENT IF WASHINGTON WOULD MAKE EXCEPTION FOR GERMANS
ON URANIUM SUPPLY. LEFTIST IL MESSAGERO, REPORTING
DENIAL AT BRUSSELS THAT ERW DISCUSSIONS AT NATO HAVE
BEEN SUSPENDED, CITED ANOTHER STORY THAT CONSULTATIONS

ARE PROCEEDING ON BILATERAL, I.E., WITH BONN AND LONDON RATHER THAN COLLEGIAL BASIS. ALL PAPERS REPORT DOUBTS OF ALLIES ABOUT ERW AS WELL AS OUTRIGHT OPPOSITION IN DENMARK AND THE NETHERLANDS.

2.UNUSUALLY WIDE COVERAGE GIVEN TO ERW REFLECTS GREAT EXTENT OF INTEREST IN ISSUE ON PART OF ITALIAN PUBLIC AND OFFICIALS. IN ORDER TO HANDLE INEVITABLE QUESTIONS ON STATUS OF ERW DECISIONS, EMBASSY WOULD APPECIATE GUIDANCE, FIRST, FOR USE WITH GOI OFFICIALS, AND SECOND, WITH PRESS AND PUBLIC. AS AMBASSADOR GARNDER IS TO PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE APRIL 10 AT NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE, WHERE ISSUE IS LIKELY TO ARISE, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR GUIDANCE SOONEST.
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